

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 were pending at the time of the mailing of the outstanding Office Action. By this amendment, no claims have been cancelled. Claims 6-8 have been added.

In the Office Action of May 31, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failure to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 1-5 have now been amended to remove the grammatical and idiomatic errors indicated by the Examiner. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-5 under 35 USC § 103(a). In light of the greater clarity afforded by the amendments of claims 1-5 and the addition of new claims 6-8, the Applicants request reconsideration of the claims and withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC § 103(a).

The outstanding Office Action was mailed on 31 May 2006. The Examiner set a shortened statutory period for reply of 3 months from the mailing date. No fees are believed to be due with this response. However, in the event that any fee required with the submission of this response is insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or to credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account 15-0450.

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